# St Mary's Catholic School



# **LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT**

#### **PERSON SPECIFICATION**

# **Qualifications and Experience**

Essential	Desirable
GCSE English or equivalent	<ul> <li>Training in relevant learning strategies and specialist knowledge in a particular curriculum area</li> <li>Training in learning difficulties such as dyslexia, ASD etc.</li> <li>Experience of working effectively with children and young people</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Experience of working with pupils with</li> </ul>
	learning disabilities

# **Knowledge and Skills**

Essential	Desirable
<ul> <li>Able to work constructively as part of a team</li> <li>Ability to think clearly, calmly and to complete tasks successfully.</li> <li>Ability to relate well to colleagues</li> <li>Highly developed oral and written communication skills</li> <li>Ability to form productive relationships with young people</li> <li>A willingness to contribute to and lead extracurricular activities within, and outside of, the department</li> <li>Excellent numeracy and literacy skills</li> <li>Excellent ICT skills and ability to use them effectively to support learning</li> <li>Willingness to act as a First Aider in school, following the appropriate training</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understanding of classroom roles and responsibilities</li> <li>Awareness of relevant legislation relating to child protection and safeguarding</li> </ul>

# **Personal Qualities**

Essential	Desirable
<ul> <li>Positivity, enthusiasm and confidence</li> <li>Ability to enthuse young people in their lessons</li> <li>Outstanding role model for children</li> <li>Ability to respond to change</li> <li>Ability to show initiative and flexibility</li> <li>Ability to relate well to colleagues and children</li> <li>Ability to think clearly, calmly and to complete tasks successfully</li> <li>Able to respond effectively to problems</li> <li>Good team worker with a flexible approach to work, willing to support across the school</li> <li>Able to work with minimal supervision</li> <li>Willing to be involved in the whole life of the</li> </ul>	Willingness to assist students with physical disabilities e.g. supporting the student with their personal needs

	school
•	Fully supportive of the school's Catholic/Christian
	ethos and a willingness to promote this ethos at
	every opportunity
•	Caring concern for the overall welfare of young
	people